



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Alexander:

Thank you for your May 26, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Letter of Interest submitted by the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

WIFIA program staff are currently evaluating all letters of interest (LOIs) submitted by prospective borrowers. Evaluations are based on each LOI's alignment with statutory and regulatory requirements, as well as a preliminary creditworthiness and an initial feasibility review. The EPA anticipates selecting projects and sending invitations to apply to those projects by the end of June 2017. Additional information on the WIFIA application process is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Matt Klasen in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov or (202) 566-0780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Benita Best-Wong".

Benita Best-Wong
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

